the decennial population Census last conducted in 1981, 66.5 per cent of the total main workers were engaged either as cultivators or agricultural labourers.

Deputation and Ex-Cadre Promotion of J.Es. in C.P.W.D

488. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during calling off the strike of the JEs C.P.W.D. had agreed to take up the cases of deputation and Ex-cadre promotion of the JEs with other departments with a view to reduce stagnation of JEs in CPWD; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) In pursuance of the agreement, instructions were issued to all concerned that the names of Junior Engineers should be sponsored liberally for deputation, as and when demands were received from other Departments/Organisations.

Survey of Coal and Lignite in Godavari Valley, U.P.

489. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to stat:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India conducted survey for coal and lignite in Godavari Valley (Andhra Pradesh); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) has recently undertaken stratigraphic drilling in Godavari Valley in parts of Khammam and West-Godavari districts, Andhra Pradesh, to locate coal and lignite bearing formations respectively. Significant coal seams were intersected in three boreholes drilled so far in Khamam districts. Drilling was also taken up recently in tertiary formations of West Godavari district.

Expenditure on Desert Development Programme

490. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the desert development programme during the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(b) the measures proposed to be adopted to make the desert development scheme a great success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Expenditure of Rs. 141.90 crores has been incurred on the programme during the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan (upto December 1988). Statewise break-up is given below:—

Sl. No.	State	Expenditure (1985—89 upto Dec. 88) (Rs. in lakhs)
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	Gujarat	658.29
2	Haryana	1130.91
3	Himachal Pradesh	544.94
4	Jammu & Kashmir	752.95
5	Rajasthan	11102.70
	TOTAL	14189.70

(b) The focus of the programme has been sharpened since 1987-88 on activities directly contributing to restoration of ecological balance and arresting of